



Notice of Public Comment – Kent County Emergency Solution Grant

CONSOLIDATED STRATEGY AND PLAN: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2012-2013 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

In January of 2014 Kent County was informed it would be a recipient of ESG funding in 2014 in the amount of \$125,812. HUD mandates that the Kent County Community Development Department submits this as Notice of Public Comment for the proposed amendment to its Consolidated Strategy and Plan which is a five-year document that allocates funding and dictates performance goals for federal entitlement programs.

The substantial amendment is made in accordance with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (Hearth Act) amendment to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including major revisions to the Emergency Solutions Grants Program. The ESG program is designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered persons as well as those persons at risk of homelessness, and provides the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing. HUD published the final rule revising the definition of “homelessness” in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011. All proposed activities for ESG must follow the revised homeless definition. All ESG activities must be recorded in the homeless management information system.

In accordance with the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Community priorities of Kent County, funds will be allocated to provide 32.5% for prevention activities, 57% for rapid re-housing and 3% for the Homeless Information system.

The Kent County Amendment to the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan is available for review on the County web site at www.accesskent.com. The comment period runs from April 5, 2014 through May 5, 2014. Comments will be received at the office address below. The Public Hearing is scheduled in the Community Development Office on May 5, 2014. The draft Amendment is also available at the offices of the County of Kent Community Development Department, 82 Ionia, Ave, NW, Suite 390, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

Persons with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to effectively participate in this public comment period should contact Linda S. Likely Director of Housing and Community Development, 82 Ionia, Ave, NW, Suite 390, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 - (616) 632-7400 or e-mail linda.likely@kentcountymi.gov at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the public comment period.

This notice is officially dated April 5, 2014.

Dan Koorndyk, Chairperson
Kent County Board of Commissioners